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COMPUTER

ENVIRONMENT AND DEVICE THEREFOR

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ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To realize a single sign-on able to log on  
plural systems  
simultaneously by using each specific user credentials to use a  
single access  
node.

SOLUTION: A distributed network environment 1 is made up of two  
nodes A-C or  
over connected by a communication link or a network 3. In this  
case,  
processing systems 10A-10C such as personal computers and work  
stations are  
installed at each of the nodes A, B, C. In the case of searching  
the user  
credentials to use a local computer system in the distributed  
computer  
environment, whether or not a pointer for the user credentials is  
in existence  
is discriminated, and when the pointer is in existence, the user  
credentials is  
used, and when not in existence, whether or not a default  
credentials is in  
existence. When in existence, the default credentials is used  
and when not, a  
set of credentials for the local computer system is used.

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